

GREETINGS FROM COOLIDGE SCHOOL

September 19, 2016

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge>

Dear Families,

Starting on our August Visiting Day parents ask, "When will I get to meet my child's teacher?" We understand the urgency: making a connection to the adult that will help your child grow and succeed is critical. On the school side, building strong partnerships with families is just as important. For that reason I'm delighted to announce that Curriculum Night is finally upon us. In fact, it's the most important event scheduled this week.

Curriculum Night provides parents with the opportunity to hear directly from classroom teachers about the curriculum, to visit classrooms and hear about routines, to ask questions and get a sense of the learning adventures ahead. For many, Curriculum Night provides the first chance to sign up for parent conferences, too. For all these reasons I strongly urge all parents and guardians to attend.

Every year I look forward to the opportunity to address parents as grade level groups. I enjoy the opportunity to share our school goals, explain our core values and the actions staff take to support them, and to give our new PTO President the chance to address parents directly.

Grades K, 1 & 2: WEDNESDAY
September 21st at 6:30

Grades 3 & 4: THURSDAY
September 22 at 6:30

So that you can plan effectively, here is the schedule for the evening:

6:20: Doors open
6:30: Teacher presentations begin in classrooms
7:10: Principal's Address in the gym
7:30: Conclusion

Curriculum Nights will end by 7:45 each night and are intended only for parents and caregivers. Please make every effort to arrange childcare for students and younger siblings.

Sincerely,

Amy

P.S. We practiced our first weather drill last week. I'm pleased to say we accounted for all students and staff safely and calmly. Next we'll initiate lock down drills so that students and staff are familiar with what to do if we have a concern outside the building.



Important Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 21 (Wed)	Curriculum Night Grades k, 1 & 2 6:30-7:30
Sept. 22 (Thurs)	Curriculum Night, Grades 3 & 4, 6:30-7:30
Sept. 23 (Fri)	First Coolidge School Store
Sept. 28 (Wed)	School Photos 9-11:00 am
Oct. 7 (Fri)	NO SCHOOL – Professional Development
Oct. 10 (Mon)	NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day
Oct. 14	School Store

From the Office:

If you filled out a CORI form at the Open House but did not include a photocopy of your license, please either send it to the office or come in and ask to have a photocopy made of your license. You cannot volunteer unless we send in a copy of your license with your CORI form.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBPAGE FOR IMPORTANT FORMS AND DATES:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/coolidge/>

We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/CoolidgeElementarySchool>

If your child will be out sick, out for a vacation, or celebrating a religious holiday, please call the school before 10:00am that day to let us know.

Child Safe line (for absences): 508.841.8886

Coolidge Main Line: 508.841.8880

Cathy Cairns, Coolidge Secretary: 508.841.8884

Mark your calendars with No School Dates, Early Release Dates and Holidays.

Shrewsbury Public Schools 2016-2017 School Year Calendar

FINAL

Approved 2-3-16*

**Note: The first day of school, holidays, and school vacations will not change.*

Professional development days and early release days could change as a result of negotiations with the teachers' association.

AUG/SEP 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31	1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

OCTOBER 19 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

NOVEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

DECEMBER 17 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

JANUARY 20 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August/September

8/25 & 26	New Teachers' Orientation
8/29	Opening Program for Staff
8/30	Students Return/Full Day
9/2	Professional Development/No School
9/5	Labor Day/No School

October

10/7	Professional Development/No School
10/10	Columbus Day/No School

November

11/8	Election Day/Pre-K-8 Conference Day/No School
11/11	Veterans Day/No School
11/23 - 25	Thanksgiving Vacation

December

12/6	Professional Development/Early Release
12/26 - 12/30	December Vacation

January

1/2	New Year's Day (Observed)
1/16	M.L. King Day/No School

February

2/7	Professional Development/Early Release
2/20	Presidents Day/No School
2/21 - 2/24	Winter Vacation

March

3/7	Professional Development/Early Release
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April

4/4	Professional Development/Early Release
4/17	Patriots Day/No School
4/18 - 21	Spring Vacation

May

5/2	Professional Development/Early Release
5/26	Last Day for Seniors
5/29	Memorial Day/No School

June

6/1	Graduation Day
6/12	Last Day for Kindergarten & Preschool
6/14	Last Day/Half Day for Students

February 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28			

MARCH 23 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
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6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

APRIL 15 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MAY 22 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

JUNE 10 Days				
M	T	W	T	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

0 snow days = 6/14 last day
 1 snow day = 6/15 last day
 2 snow days = 6/16 last day
 3 snow days = 6/19 last day
 4 snow days = 6/20 last day
 5 snow days = 6/21 last day



Coolidge students taking a break during the Family Fun Walk, 9/18/16



Miss Finneran's Grade 4 students begin their exploration of rocks and minerals.



Ms. Hurley's second grade students search for frogs in Jordan Pond, 9/16/16

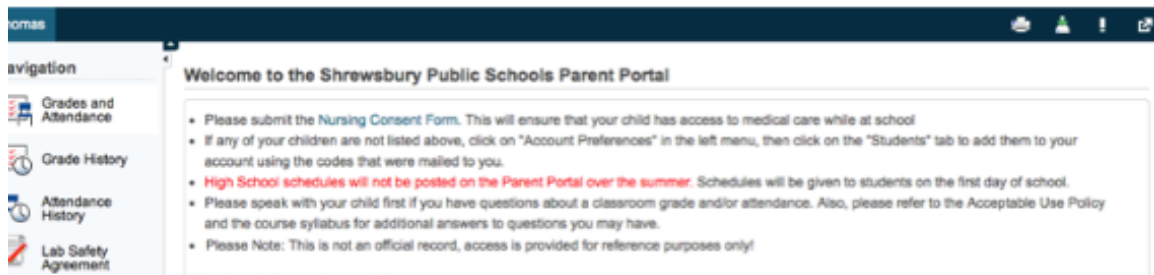
From the Nurse:

Please look below for information on medical health from Mrs. Zimmermann, our school nurse. Having standing orders ready is another way we seek to help support students and families.

As of this morning, 185 parents out of 404 have done the consent.

Action Required - School Nurse Consent Form: The school nurse consent form that has traditionally been sent home on the first day of school for parents to sign and return is now available to complete in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please log in to the portal [here](#) as soon as possible to complete the form. This form is required for all students in order to be treated by and receive medications from the school nurse.

When you click you should see this:



The first line includes a link to the form. If you are still having trouble, let me know.

COOLIDGE SCHOOL STORE

Coolidge School Store opens Friday, September 23 from 8:30-9:00 am.

The School Store is set up in the cafeteria every few weeks (we post the dates in the Greetings) and it is open to any students wishing to purchase a few school supplies and educational things. **STUDENT ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO SPEND \$1.00 AT EACH VISIT** - so please don't send more than that. (This is so no student will be tempted to spend their lunch money on items.)

Also, if you have new, unused school supplies you would like to donate to the School Store, please bring them in and drop them in the office.

Breakfast Menu

August 2016

Coolidge Elementary School
Breakfast Served 8:30-9:00

Breakfast Includes:

Choice of: Assorted Whole Grain Cereal, Whole-Wheat Bagel, Mini Maple Pancakes or French toast sticks.

and:

Assorted Fruits

Low Fat Milk

Breakfast must include a Grain Choice, Milk and Fruit



Breakfast \$1.50/\$.30 Reduced Price

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DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Welcome to the 2016-17 year of Destination Imagination. For those of you who know DI, welcome back! For those of you who would like to learn more about DI, we will be having an informational meeting on **Thursday, September 22 at 7pm in the Sherwood Middle School cafeteria**. Please feel free to bring your interested students with you; we will be having activities to demonstrate what DI is all about.

Destination Imagination is a student led program that fosters leadership, problem solving and teamwork skills. (Not to mention a great excuse to get together with friends to work on a project and eat snacks!) Last year the Shrewsbury Public Schools had 14 different teams of which three made it to the State competition and two made it to the Global (national) competition.

Destination Imagination is a 1st - 12th grade activity. High school students may earn community volunteer hours for managing teams. Some scholarships for graduating seniors are also available if they are enrolled in the program their senior year. Taking a trip to a national competition also would look great on a college application.

If you are not one that likes to attend meetings, feel free to use our online signup sheet located at the following address:

<http://schools.shrewsburyma.gov/di/index.cfm>

Click on the student registration form link and fill out all questions. **This program is run by volunteers, so if at all possible please volunteer to be a coach, assistant coach, appraiser, or just help with logistics.** Click on the manager or appraiser registration form link and fill out all questions if you would like to be involved in watching your student learn new skills and develop new relationships.

A check payable to **Shrewsbury Public Schools – DI Fund** for \$75 per student will also have to be sent to: **Eric Craft, 70 Bay View Drive, Shrewsbury, MA 01545**. This DI fee is to enroll the team, purchase team shirts, and help teams that go beyond the regional competition. Students at the middle or high school level who participate must

also have paid the school-based activity fee for this school year (\$50 for middle schools, \$100 for high school), which is a one-time fee that provides access to all school-sponsored activities and clubs and defrays program overhead expenses. For information on the school activity fee, see your school's website.

If anyone feels they are not able to pay this fee, please contact Eric Craft ecraft@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us or Lavanya Thiagarajan lavanya@townisp.com

PTO NEWSFLASH

Email: ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Blog: <http://coolidgepto.wordpress.com/> The PTO has created a blog as an additional resource for information and notices. Come check it out!

Facebook Group: "Calvin Coolidge PTO"

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/coolidgepto/> All parents, guardians, and staff are welcome to join our group on Facebook. It's a great place to chat with the community or ask a question.

Direct Donation: <https://npo.justgive.org/coolidgepto> There are many ways to help support the PTO, a direct donation is just one.

1. THANK YOU- to all fun run/walk participants
2. Volunteers needed for Boys Fall Formal
3. Volunteers needed to help run talent show
4. Curriculum night
5. School Store- September 23rd

1. Thank you to everyone who came out for the fun run/walk on Sunday. It was fun and a great fundraiser for the school.

2. We need Volunteers for the Boys Fall Formal which will be on November 5th from 6-8pm. Please contact Amanda Tanaka at amandatanaka@ymail.com if you can help. This is a fun event and a great fundraisers, but help is needed.

3. We need volunteers to help run the talent show. This involves people to help with three Friday's after school for rehearsals, the day of the event before and after. This is

usually held the Friday before thanksgiving and is a big fundraiser for the school. Several people can help to run it together. Please contact Jenn at ptocoolidge@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us if you can help

4. Don't forget **curriculum night is this coming week**. It is Wednesday at 6:30 PM for grades kindergarten through 2nd grade and Thursday at 6:30 PM for grades 3 and 4.

There is going to be a sheet in each classroom during curriculum night to add your name and email address. This is completely voluntary, and is a way for the designated room parent to be able to communicate with the entire class. Your email address will be shared only with the room parent.

5. The **school store** will kick off the new school year on **Friday September 23rd**. All items are .25, .50, .75, and \$1.00. Students are asked to spend only up to \$1.00. We are also accepting donations of new school supplies to add to our inventory of items. All monies made go to our PTO for student activities.

To include news about your committee, fundraiser or PTO event in future newsflashes, please e-mail your submissions to Kristie Biando at kbiando74@gmail.com and Rachel Reeve at rachelreeve@yahoo.com